

# St. Augustine of Canterbury Catholic School



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**Lunch hour: 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM**

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[www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto](http://www.tcdsb.org/oapce-toronto)

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**October 2018** Virtue of the Month: Gratitude

## Message from the Administrative Team

As we close off our first month of the school year, we would like to thank all members of the school community for a WONDERFUL start to the school year. Despite the challenges related to construction, we have come together as a community and kept the disruption to a minimum. While we had some reorganization take place this September, we were able to adjust our classes in a relatively peaceful and calm fashion. We thank staff, students and parents for your understanding during the reorganization. With timetables established, CSPC elected and enrollment numbers and classes finalized, we now move full steam ahead in continuing the work of learning through the spirit of our Lord.

Moving into the month of October, the Virtue for the month for October is GRATITUDE. Whenever we gather as a faith community to worship, we offer thanks to our God. The blessings of food, friends, family and freedom are all gifts from our Creator God. As we prepare for the celebration of Thanksgiving, we are urged to take some time to remember our blessings and give thanks. The TCDSB focus for the year is 'We Belong'. We look forward to working with families and the staff and parish staff at St. Augustine of Canterbury church to continue to tighten the bonds between home, school and parish.

We have a number of school activities and events planned. Cross country, photo day, and the Lake St. George overnight trip for many students in Grade 7 and 8. Also, our Grade 8 students will begin to reflect on their high school choices as applications and information packages will be provided near the end of October.

Throughout the month of October, let us all show gratitude for the gifts God has given us and to do what we can to help those in need. Let us remember that if we expect others to be grateful for what we do, we should show appreciation to others. Most of all, let us remember that everything we have to be thankful for comes from God.

Mr. R. De Lorenzo  
Principal

Ms. E. Della Mea  
Vice-Principal

## Prayer for Gratitude

God of Light, we give you thanks for the revelation of your truth in Jesus Christ, your Living Word, which we have received through the apostles' teachings, first heard at Jerusalem. May your Holy Spirit continue to sanctify us in the truth of your Son, so that united in Him we may grow in devotion to the Word, and together serve your kingdom in humility and love. In Christ's name we pray.

St. Augustine, Pray for us .

## Roots of Empathy: Faith-based developmental program

As outlined of our most recent demographic data, many students at St. Augustine start school requiring supports. Greatest identified needs include: (1) Emotional Maturity (2) Social Competency and (3) Communication Skills and General Knowledge. Roots of Empathy is an evidence-based classroom program that has shown dramatic effect in reducing levels of aggression and violence among school children while raising social/emotional competence and increasing empathy. At St. Augustine, we continue to run one program lead by one of our DECE's, Ms. Reinoso. This year, we are looking to expand the program into a second kindergarten class. In order to do so, we are looking for an interested family who would like to volunteer their time who have a baby between the ages of 2-4 months old, where one or both parents are available for at least one classroom visit once every month between the months of October-June. If you are interested please stop by the office. Information on the Roots of Empathy program can be found here: <http://www.rootsofempathy.org/>

## Message from Toronto Public Health - Vision Health

Did you know that 1 in 4 school-age children may have a vision problem that could affect their ability to learn? An eye exam is the best way to help detect a vision problem and it is covered by OHIP every year for children and youth age 19 and under. Some signs that your child may be having difficulty seeing include:

- Squinting or holding objects close up
- Turns or tilts the head when viewing objects or covers one eye
- Excessive blinking, rubbing or itching eyes
- Complains of blurry or double vision

To find an optometrist near you visit <http://www.optom.on.ca>

For more information, visit Toronto Public Health website or call Toronto Health Connection at 416-338-7600 and speak with a Public Health Nurse.

Was an eye exam on your child's back to school checklist?

- Eye exam done
- Immunization up-to-date
- School supplies purchased

Make your child's eye exam a part of the back to school routine. An eye exam is the best way to help detect a vision problem and is covered by OHIP every year for children and youth age 19 and under. For junior kindergarten students, the Eye See Eye Learn program provides an eye exam as well as a free pair of eye glasses if required.

Is your child ready for learning this school year? Help prepare your child for success by booking an eye exam with an optometrist. It's covered by OHIP for all children and youth age 19 and under.

Did you know? 1 in 4 school-age children may have a vision problem that if undetected could affect their ability to learn. Some vision problems are much more easily treated when detected at a young age.

## Administration of Medication to Students

As a reminder, all staff of the TCDSB are NOT permitted to administer any type of prescription medication during the school day, unless we have written signed authorization signed by you, the parent, and the prescribing physician. The forms to dispense any medication must be updated on a regular basis and are available from administration. Please be advised that staff of the TCDSB will not dispense non-prescription medications (aspirin, Tylenol, Advil, cough syrup, etc) to students. Please note that we have sent letter to all families who require to replace an expired Epi-Pen.

## Terry Fox Walk

On Thursday September 27th, our school participated in the annual Terry Fox walk. We engage in the very worthy cause to engage children in physical activity, to spread the message in the community about cancer awareness and to raise money for The Terry Fox foundation to help research treatment and development of a cure for cancer. Through the help of the community, we raised a significant amount of money - details to be provided once amounts have been finalized. We thank Ms. Vaszi and Ms. Iannelli for organizing the event this year.

## Students of the Month - September's Virtue of Hospitality

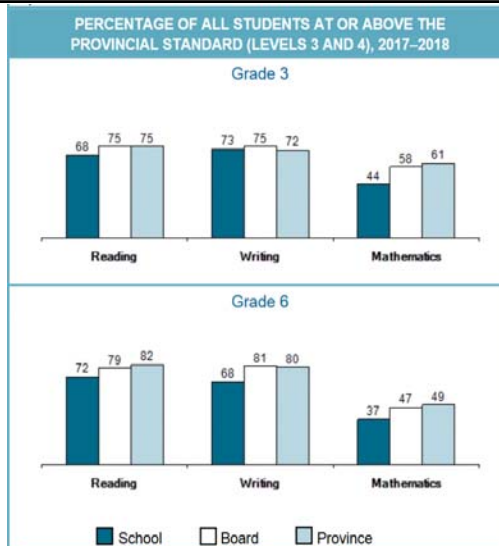
Ms. Marchesan/ Ms. Afram (FDK) <b>Weyinmi</b>	Ms. Marigola/Ms. Marchese/ Ms. Reinoso (FDK) <b>Mariam</b>	Ms. Kakish/ Ms. De Simone (FDK) <b>Ascencia</b>	Ms. Pedro/ Ms. Sicilia (FDK) <b>SJ</b>	Ms. Zaroda (Gr. 1) <b>Stella</b>
Ms. Sinapi (Gr.1) <b>Raheem</b>	Ms. Mettel (Gr.1/2) <b>Nicole</b>	Ms. Kelly (Gr.2) <b>Tara-Lynn</b>	Ms. Moretti (Gr. 2) <b>Seshaun</b>	Ms. Opinion (Gr.2/3) <b>Andra</b>
Mr. Di Nardo (Gr 3) <b>Michelle</b>	Ms. Tamburro (Gr. 3) <b>Mariel</b>	Ms. Amoruso (Gr. 3/4) <b>Char-Mae</b>	Ms. Boccitto (Gr. 4) <b>Hector</b>	Ms. Mancuso (Gr. 4/5) <b>Tryphena</b>
Ms. Iannelli (Gr. 5) <b>Nevaeh</b>	Ms. Dinkha (Gr. 5/6) <b>Sharif</b>	Ms. Sirro (Gr. 6) <b>Thaddeus</b>	Ms. Nassuna (Gr. 6/7) <b>Alina</b>	Ms. Cimino (Gr. 7) <b>Danya</b>
Ms. Grappone (Gr. 7/8) <b>Maria</b>	Mr. Ponticelli (Gr. 8) <b>Tashawn</b>	Ms. Zabiene (L.I.) <b>Ivy</b>		

### Dropping off Children in the Morning

As a learning institution, we want to utilize as much of the available instructional time as possible. As a result, we ask that all children arrive at school between 8:45 AM - 9:00 AM (supervision begins at 8:45 AM). Classroom instruction begins immediately upon student arrival to class as morning announcements and prayers take place at 11:30 AM. Our goal is to maximize learning time. Arriving after 9:00 AM is disruptive to your child's education and the education of other students in the class. If you do drop off your child late, students are to go directly to class and teachers will mark students late. After 9:30 AM, late students need to be admitted with a late slip from the office. To reduce disruption coming from our hallways, we ask that parents not accompany children to their classes but watch them enter the school/school yard. For the safety of the children, we are looking to reduce adult traffic in the hallways. As a result, we ask parents not to accompany children to their classes but to accompany them to school entrances only.

### Results from 2017-2018 EQAO Standardized Testing

In the Spring of 2018, our Grade 3 and 6 students wrote EQAO standardized tests. The graphs on the right show our school's results in comparison with the school board and the province. While there are improvements over last year, our school results, especially in junior mathematics, reflect a growing trend across the province of Ontario with difficulties in achievement in mathematics. We will continue our focus on continued improvement in achievement in mathematics. For more details, visit <http://www.eqao.com>



THIS IS THE DAY,  
THE LORD HAS MADE.  
LET US REJOICE AND  
BE GLAD.

~ PSALM 118:24 ~

- GIVE THANKS TO GOD FOR EVERY DAY HE GIVES US.
- IF WE EXPECT OTHERS TO BE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT WE DO, WE SHOULD SHOW APPRECIATION TO OTHERS.
- EVERYTHING WE HAVE TO BE THANKFUL FOR COMES FROM GOD.
- REMEMBER THE STORY OF THE LEPERS WHO JESUS HEALED AND THINK OF HOW MANY RETURNED TO SHOW THEIR GRATITUDE.

**GRATITUDE**



#### Important Reminders:

- World Teacher Day: Friday October 5th
- PA Day: Friday October 5th
- Thanksgiving: Monday October 8th - no school

<b>School Mass Dates 2017-2018</b>		<b>Supporting Good Homework Habits</b>
Mass Dates	Time	<p><b>Establish Homework Routines</b> Send the message that schoolwork is a top priority by establishing a regular time each day for homework to be done. Some families do not allow TV, phone calls, video game-playing, social networking, etc., until homework is done and checked.</p> <p><b>Supporting Homework and Study Habits</b> Help your child to assess their homework and what it involves on a daily basis. In this way, your child can develop strategies to manage the workload. Some students prefer to complete harder assignments first, while others prefer to start with the easier tasks. Individual learning needs, coupled with a plan for breaks, will determine which homework approach best helps your child to maintain focus and energy. Encourage your child to prepare for tests by scheduling study sessions well in advance, in order to avoid cramming or last-minute panic.</p> <p>Parents should not hover at homework time, but may need to monitor their child's frustration levels and comprehension. This will help you to communicate effectively with your child's teacher at parent-teacher conferences and throughout the year. On-going struggles with assignments or homework completion could indicate broader issues which may require investigation to ensure your child's success.</p>
Wednesday October 17th (Thanksgiving Mass)	9:30 AM	
Tuesday November 6th	9:30 AM	
Wednesday December 12th (Advent Mass)	9:30 AM	
Tuesday January 15th (New Year Mass)	9:30 AM	
Wednesday February 20th	9:30 AM	
Wednesday March 6th (Ash Wednesday Liturgy)	9:30 AM	
Wednesday April 24th (Easter Mass)	9:30 AM	
Wednesday May 15th	9:30 AM	
Thursday June 27th (End of Year Mass)	9:30 AM	
<b>Grade 8 Graduation Mass</b>		
Friday June 21st	9:30 AM	
<b>Confessions</b>		
<u>Advent</u> : Wednesday December 5th	9:30 AM – 11:45 AM	
<u>Lent</u> : Wednesday April 3rd	9:30 AM – 11:45 AM	
<b>Confirmation Retreats</b>		
Wednesday December 19th	9:30 AM – 3:00 PM	
Tuesday April 9th	9:30 AM – 3:00 PM	
<b>Confirmation</b>		
Saturday May 18th @ St. Augustine Church	5:00 PM	
<b>First Communion</b>		
Sunday May 19th @ St. Augustine Church	5:00 PM	

## From the School Board

### Municipal Election October 22, 2018

New ward boundaries will be in effect. Existing Trustee Wards, including the local Catholic schools they represent, remain unchanged and the new boundaries DO NOT come into effect until December 1, 2018. These changes do not affect the current number of Toronto Catholic District School Board Trustees which will remain at 12. However, it impacts the distribution areas of Trustee Wards and the local schools they represent. <https://www.tcdsb.org/board/trusteesoftheboard/pages/new-trustee-ward-boundaries.aspx>



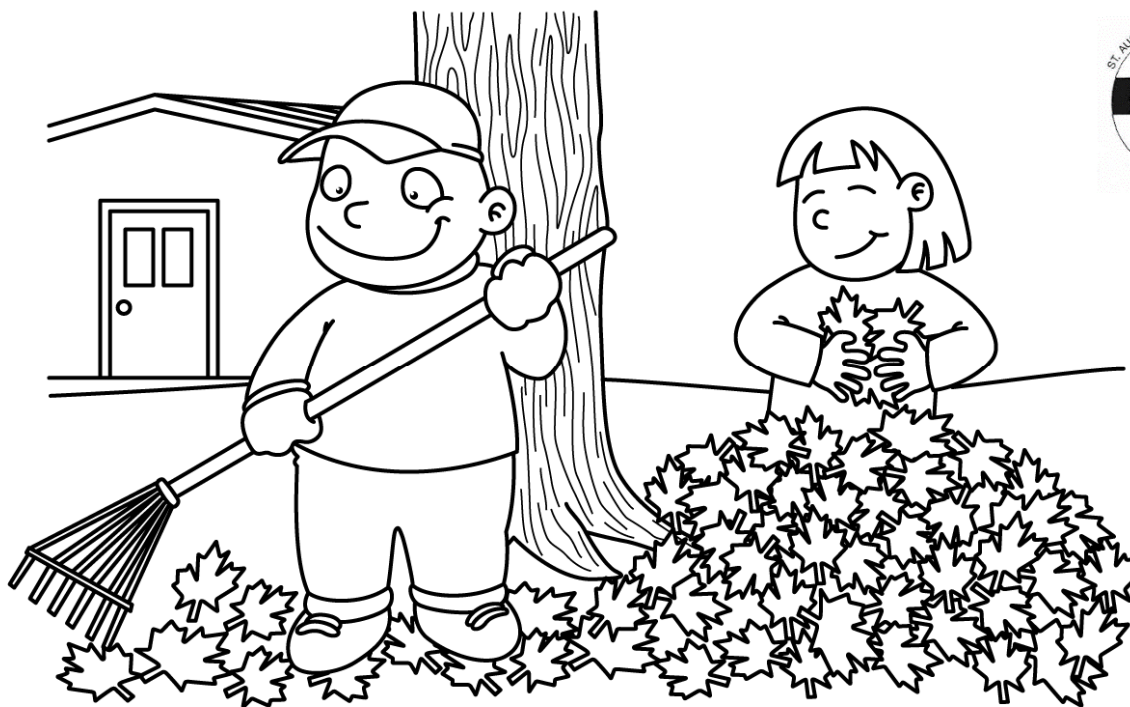
### CPIC Elections October 2, 3 and 15

Become a Voice for Catholic Parents; Representatives sought for Wards 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12. Election October 2, 2018. Elections October 3, 2018 for vacancies in Wards 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9 Election of Parent Members at Large, October 15, 2018 at the Inaugural Meeting. <https://www.tcdsb.org/forparents/parentinvolvement/cpicelections/pages/default.aspx>

### High School Open Houses

Open houses are happening this fall in all TCDSB secondary schools. For a complete list of dates, times and locations visit <https://www.tcdsb.org/school/openhouses/pages/default.aspx>

**Dates to Note:** *October 1:* International Day of Older Persons; *October 2:* National Custodial Workers Day; *October 4:* Rosary Day *October 5:* World Teachers' Day; *October 10:* World Mental Health Day; *October 11:* International Day of the Girl; *October 15-21:* Waste Reduction Week; *October 17:* International Day for the Eradication of Poverty; *October 24:* Early Childhood Educator and Childcare Worker Appreciation Day; *October 31:* All Hallows Eve



## MONTH of OCTOBER, 2018 – Virtue of Gratitude

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 <b>Custodial Workers Day</b> - Reps from Madonna High School Meeting Gr. 8 Students	3 <b>Photo Day</b>	4 - Reps from JCM High School Meeting Gr. 8 Students	5 <b>PA Day</b> <b>World Teacher Day</b>	6
7	8 <b>Thanksgiving Holiday</b>	9	10 <b>Cross Country Divisionals</b>	11	12	13
14	15	16 <b>DECE Appreciation Day</b>	17 <b>Cross Country Regionals</b> <b>Thanksgiving Mass</b>	18	19	20
21	22 - High School Application forms provided to Gr. 8 students	23 <b>Cross Country Cities</b>	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 <b>CSPC Meeting #2</b> 6:30 PM	31 <b>Halloween</b>	Nov. 1	Nov. 2	Nov. 3